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AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1 1. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:  
2 establishing a packet-based call session with a remote party over an  
3 Internet Protocol network;  
4 receiving information associated with at least one physical attribute of the  
5 party during the packet-based call session;  
6 altering at least a portion of an image associated with the party  
7 information based on the received information; and  
8 displaying the altered image during the packet-based call session.
- 1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving information  
2 associated with at least one physical attribute comprises receiving information associated  
3 with facial expressions of the party.
- 1 3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving  
2 information associated with at least one physical attribute comprises receiving  
3 information associated with the lip movement of the party.
- 1 4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein altering at least a portion of an  
2 image comprises altering the lips of the image.
- 1 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2 receiving at least one of a phone number and name associated with the packet-based call  
3 session.
- 1 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving information  
2 associated with at least one physical attribute comprises receiving a numeric value  
3 associated with one of a plurality of facial expressions.

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1           7.       (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2 receiving voice signals during the packet-based call session.

1           8.       (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein displaying the altered image  
2 comprises displaying an image of moving lips of the party that are substantially  
3 synchronized with the voice signals.

1           9.       (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein establishing the  
2 packet-based call session over an Internet Protocol network comprises establishing the  
3 packet-based call session over a wireless link.

1           10.      (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:  
2                    an interface adapted to receive voice information and animation  
3 information in a call session with a party, wherein the animation information is  
4 representative of a facial expression of the party;  
5                    at least one storage device to store:  
6                    an electronic representation of an image of the party; and  
7                    a controller adapted to:  
8                    communicate Session Initiation Protocol messaging over a packet-  
9 based network to establish the call session;  
10                   animate at least a portion of the electronic representation of the  
11 image based on the animation information; and  
12                   display the animated image during the call session.

1           11.      (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the controller  
2 is adapted to receive calling party information associated with the call session.

1           12.      (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the controller is adapted to  
2 access the image based on the calling party information.

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1           13.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the controller is  
2 adapted to animate a lips in the image that are substantially synchronized with the voice  
3 information.

1           14.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the animation  
2 information comprises a numeric value associated with one of a plurality of facial  
3 expressions.

1           15.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the controller is adapted to:  
2 track physical attributes of a user of the apparatus; and  
3 map the physical attributes of the user to a selected value.

1           16.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the controller is adapted to  
2 transmit the selected value to a remote telecommunications device.

1           17.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the controller is adapted to  
2 receive the voice information over a wireless link.

1           18.   (Previously Presented) An article comprising at least one machine-  
2 readable storage medium containing instructions that when executed cause a processor to:  
3 communicate Session Initiation Protocol messaging to establish a packet-  
4 based call session;  
5 receive a voice signal from a participant over a call session;  
6 receive information representing at least a portion of a face of the  
7 participant; and  
8 animate an image based on the received information so that movement of  
9 the face is substantially synchronized with the voice signal.

1           19.   (Cancelled)

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1           20.   (Previously Presented) The article of claim 18, wherein the instructions  
2   when executed cause the processor to retrieve the image from a storage device.

1           21.   (Previously Presented) The article of claim 18, wherein the instructions  
2   when executed cause the processor to retrieve the image based on at least one of a phone  
3   number and name of the participant.

1           22.   (Previously Presented) The article of claim 18, wherein the instructions  
2   when executed cause the processor to retrieve mapping information in the call session,  
3   wherein animating the image is based on the mapping information.

1           23.   (Cancelled)

1           24.   (Previously Presented) The article of claim 18, wherein the instructions  
2   when executed cause the processor to display the animated image.

1           25.   (Previously Presented) A data signal embodied in a carrier wave  
2   comprising instructions that when executed cause a processor to:  
3                receive remote party information associated with a call session established  
4   over an Internet Protocol network;  
5                receive voice information and mapping information during the call  
6   session;  
7                receive at least a facial image associated with the remote party  
8   information; and  
9                animate the facial image based on the mapping information and voice  
10   information.

1           26.   (Previously Presented) The data signal of claim 25, wherein the  
2   instructions when executed cause the processor to receive one of a phone number and a  
3   caller name associated with the remote party.

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1           27.   (Previously Presented) The data signal of claim 25, wherein the  
2 instructions when executed cause the processor to animate the lips of the facial image so  
3 that the lips are substantially synchronized with the voice information.

1           28.   (Previously Presented) The data signal of claim 25, wherein the  
2 instructions when executed cause the processor to receive the image from a storage  
3 device.

1           29.   (Cancelled)

1           30.   (Previously Presented) A communications system, comprising:  
2 a first telecommunications device adapted to:  
3 track at least one physical attribute of a participant;  
4 associate the physical attribute to a selected value; and  
5 transmit the selected value; and  
6 a second telecommunications device capable of receiving the selected  
7 value, the second telecommunications device adapted to:  
8 establish a call session with the first telecommunications device  
9 using Session Initiation Protocol messaging;  
10 reconstruct the physical attribute of the participant based on an  
11 image and the selected value; and  
12 display the reconstructed image during the call session.

1           31.   (Original) The communications system of claim 30, wherein the selected  
2 value represents one of a plurality of facial expressions of the participant.

1           32.   (Previously Presented) The communications system of claim 31, wherein  
2 the first telecommunications device is adapted to transmit a voice signal in the call  
3 session.

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1           33.   (Original) The communications system of claim 32, wherein the  
2 reconstructed image comprises an animated image of the lips of the participant  
3 substantially synchronized with the voice signal.

1           34.   (Cancelled)

1           35.   (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:  
2 a video camera adapted to track at least one physical attribute of user; and  
3 a controller adapted to:  
4 establish a packet-based call session with a remote  
5 telecommunications device over an Internet Protocol network;  
6 determine animation information based on the at least one  
7 physical attribute of the user; and  
8 transmit the animation information to a remote  
9 telecommunications device in the packet-based call session.

1           36.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the at least one physical  
2 attribute comprises facial expressions of the user.

1           37.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein each facial expression of  
2 the user is assigned a selected value, where the selected value represents one of a  
3 plurality of facial expressions.

1           38.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the at least one physical  
2 attribute comprises a pair of lips of the user.

1           39.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the controller  
2 is further adapted to transmit voice signals and wherein the animation information  
3 represents the pair of lips being substantially synchronized with the voice signals.

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1           40.     (Original) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the remote  
2     telecommunications device is a cellular phone.

1           41.     (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein altering the at least  
2     a portion of the image comprises animating the image.

1           42.     (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein animating the  
2     image based on the received information is based on information consuming less  
3     bandwidth than video image data of the remote party.

1           43.     (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the animation  
2     information consumes less bandwidth than video image data representing the party.

1           44.     (Previously Presented) The article of claim 18, wherein the received  
2     information consumes less bandwidth than video image data representing the participant.

1           45.     (Previously Presented) The data signal of claim 25, wherein the messaging  
2     information consumes less bandwidth than video image data representing the remote  
3     party.

1           46.     (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the animation  
2     information consumes less bandwidth than video image data representing the user.